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AND WHEREAS, the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover has contributed very materially to our program by making it possible for us to be honored with the presence of, and an address by, Mr. H. H. Clegg, Assistant Director of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

AND WHEREAS, the coöperation of the Bureau and the presence of Mr. Clegg on our program has been of material service to the Sheriffs of Iowa.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association in Convention assembled that this Association go on record as heartily endorsing the administration of the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover and as heartily endorsing and commending the work of his department. This Association extends its sincere thanks for the splendid coöperation it has at all times received from the said Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice and reiterates its desire to in turn be of service to the said National Bureau. The Secretary is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, To His Honor the President of the United States, To The Attorney General of the United States and to the Senators from Iowa.

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December 26, 1933.

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director Div'n of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the first opportunity after the close of our 9th annual school of the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association, to drop you this little note of thanks for your splendid co-operation in sending Mr. H. H. Clegg to Iowa for the purpose of addressing our convention.

Mr. Clegg gave a very fine address which was highly appreciated by our membership. We want you and Mr. Clegg to know that those efforts were fully appreciated.

I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a resolution as passed by the 9th annual school of instruction of the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association. As you will notice from the resolution itself, a copy is going to the President and the Attorney General of the United States and the Senators from Iowa.

May we again say that at any time this organization or its members may be of service to you or to your department, you have but to command. With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,

R. W. Mebergall

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SAN ANTONIO  
Business & Professional Men's Post No. 10  
AMERICAN LEGION

October 14, 1933.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

17-561-A-1280  
We are enclosing for your information  
copy of a resolution recently adopted by this  
post and are very glad to take this stand, as  
a unit of The American Legion, to assist in every  
possible manner, in the upholding of law and order.

Sincerely Yours,

J. E. GOODE,  
Adjutant.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF BEXAR.

A RESOLUTION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL  
MEN POST NO. 10, SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT  
OF TEXAS AMERICAN LEGION

WHEREAS, the marked increase in crime, and particularly crimes of violence, is not receiving the special attention of governmental departments, both Federal, State and Municipal; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, of which Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is Director, is devoting special attention to the detection and suppression of crimes, particularly crimes of violence, and other Federal officers and departments have also rendered specially meritorious services in aiding in the suppression of crimes;

WHEREAS, the splendid efforts of said Department and other Federal Departments requires for its continued success not only the approval and commendation of the public generally, but the fullest co-operation of the public and the State and Municipal authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Business and Professional Men Post No. 10, of San Antonio, Department of Texas American Legion, that to commend the excellent work of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and pledge the fullest support of this Post to law enforcement and the suppression of crime of all kinds, and particularly crimes of violence against person or property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Post make the arousing of public interest and public co-operation in fighting and suppressing crime one of its major activities for the future, and that it pledge its support to the State and Municipal governments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this post shall use its best efforts to arouse the interest of all local civic organizations and governmental agencies and the public generally in giving fullest co-operation to all officers and governmental agencies in the suppression of crime; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adjutant of this Post is hereby directed to furnish true copies of this Resolution to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., to Hon. Walter Tamm, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, to Hon. Walter Tamm, District Attorney of Bexar County, and to Hon. Albert B. Reese, Sheriff of Bexar County, Texas.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, A. D. 1933.

JAN. E. COODE

Post Commander.

Attest:

J. E. COODE

Post Adjutant.

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October 13, 1933

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Referring to my letter of  
August fourteenth:

I enclose copy of resolution passed by the  
Association at its last meeting, September  
twenty-eighth, which is self-explanatory.

Please permit me to add my hearty endorse-  
ment to this unanimous resolution, and to wish  
you continued success and happiness in your  
splendid work.

Very sincerely,

HINTON A. OLDBAUGH

Enc.

President.

Chicago Railway Special Agents  
& Police Association.

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The following resolution was passed at the meeting of September 22, 1933:

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Chicago Railway Special Agents and Police Association, representing all the steam and electric railroads entering the Chicago area, have learned with pleasure of the re-appointment of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover as Director of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, we praise his very noteworthy and broadly constructive work to suppress crime throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, we are not unmindful of the fact that Mr. Hoover and Mr. Melvin E. Purvis, his Agent in Charge at Chicago, as well as Mr. Wm. A. McGwain, the predecessor Agent in Charge, have been most generous, untiring, and helpful to us at all times in our work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that we take occasion at this meeting - our first since Mr. Hoover's reappointment - to unanimously express our obligation to him accordingly, as well as to give assurance that he may rely on our unrelenting support; and be it

RESOLVED that we commend the Attorney General of the United States for his wisdom in having made this reappointment; and be it further

RESOLVED that this expression of our sentiments be conveyed to Mr. Hoover through the president of this Association, a copy hereof having been included in the minutes of this meeting.

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October 31, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Mester with regard to an opinion which Mr. Beardalee stated he had prepared fixing the status of the Director as an officer of the United States within the meaning of the Statute. Mr. Mester stated that the opinion referred to did not cover this point; that the first draft of the opinion about which he had talked to Mr. Beardalee possibly did include some reference to the Director, but the final draft of the opinion which he sent to the Attorney General did not mention the Director's position.

Mr. Mester stated, however, that his study of this subject convinced him, and he was prepared to place it in the opinion but it was not required, that since the Executive Order of June 13 the position of Director of the Division of Investigation has a Statutory existence. As a matter of fact, it was in the Statutes before but had not previously been recognized by the Executive, that the Executive in this case took official notice of it and thus made it absolute, and Mr. Mester states that at present the Director of the Division of Investigation is an officer of the United States within the meaning of the several Statutes using that nomenclature and he feels that the office of Director could not now be abolished by the Attorney General, whereas previous to the Executive Order it could be so abolished at any time.

Mr. Mester stated that he did not have a copy of the opinion which he had written at this time; that he had sent it to Mr. Stewart. Upon Mr. Stewart's return, however, he said he would get a copy and hand it to me.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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July 31, 1933.

Hon. Frederic William Wile,  
3313 Sixteenth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wile:-

In pursuance of your telephonic request, I am forwarding to you herewith a short biographical sketch. I trust that this will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Encl. #320751.



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John Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the District of Columbia. He was educated in the public schools of the District of Columbia and is a graduate of the George Washington University, holding the degrees of LL. B. and LL. M. He has been admitted to the practice of law before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Claims and the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

He entered the Department of Justice in 1917 under the administration of Attorney General Thomas Watt Gregory. In 1919, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General by Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, and assigned to the office of Assistant Attorney General Francis P. Garvan, who was in charge of criminal matters. From 1921 to 1924, Mr. Hoover served as an Assistant Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and in May, 1924, was named Director of the Bureau of Investigation by Attorney General Marlan Fiske Stone. He was charged with the re-organization of that Bureau upon assuming the office of Director in 1924. During his administration as Director of the Bureau of Investigation there has been a decrease in the investigative personnel with an increase in accomplishments in the way of fines, convictions and recoveries. During the past year convictions were obtained by the Bureau of Investigation in 95.5% of all the cases investigated by it upon which indictments were obtained. The Bureau lost less than 1% of its cases which went to trial. During Mr. Hoover's administration of the Bureau there have also been established and developed the national Division of Identification, the crime laboratory, the collection of criminal statistics from all law-enforcement agencies of the United States, a training school for new appointments to the investigative force, and a close coordination and cooperation of the police chiefs and law-enforcement officials, not only of the United States but of Canada and foreign countries, resulting in the Bureau of Investigation acting in many instances as a clearing house for criminal information which has been of considerable assistance in the campaign for effective law-enforcement.

Mr. Hoover holds the commission of Major in the Military Intelligence Division of the Officers Reserve Corps, United States Army. He is a member of the University Club, Washington, D. C.; the Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; the Masonic Fraternity; Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and is a Life Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and an Honorary Member of the International Association for Identification, an Honorary Member of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police, and an Honorary Member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

July 31, 1933.

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
August 5, 1933

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Enclosed herewith find copies of the resolutions  
which were adopted by the International Association of Chiefs  
of Police on August 3, 1933.

The first is for the President of the United States  
and to the Attorney General expressing the convention's  
appreciation of your appointment. The second is a resolution  
of thanks to you for your efforts in cooperating with them,  
and the third is a resolution on kidnaping and racketeering,  
directed to the President and Attorney General of the United  
States.

Respectfully,

J. S. MOAN,  
Inspector

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO J. EDGAR HOOVER

WHEREAS, our distinguished associate, the Honorable J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, is endeavoring, through every means at his command, to solicit the interest of the general public with regard to promptly reporting the commission of a crime or the whereabouts of a criminal to recognized police authorities, and

WHEREAS, we realize that however efficient a police organization may be, the prevention of crime and the apprehension and prosecution of criminals is dependent on the willingness of citizens to give information and to testify when cognizant of facts which might lead to such apprehension and prosecution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this Association, in convention assembled, express to Director J. EDGAR HOOVER its sincere appreciation of his efforts and its assurance of the undivided support of its members in this undertaking.

Resolution adopted, August 3, 1933  
at Convention of the International  
Association of Chiefs of Police,  
Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, His Excellency FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President, and Honorable HOMER S. CUMMINGS, Attorney General, the United States, have recognized the wisdom of the continuity in office of able police executives by reappointing J. EDGAR HOOVER as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice,

NOT, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the members of the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, in convention assembled, record their appreciation of this appointment.

Resolution adopted, August 5, 1933,  
at Convention of the International  
Association of Chiefs of Police,  
Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

I, John Edgar Hoover do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Director, Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here)

John Edgar Hoover

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) District of Columbia.

\_\_\_\_\_ day ) Date of birth January 1, 1895

of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 195 ) Whence appointed:

State D. C. County \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty August 10, 1933

Residence 413 Seward Square, NE

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CLAUDE P. HENSEL  
SHERIFF  
OFFICE OF SHERIFF LANCASTER COUNTY  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
JULY 31, 1933.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director of Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed resolution introduced by M. L. Endres, State Sheriff of Nebraska, and passed at the mid-summer convention of Nebraska State Sheriffs held at Broken Bow, Nebraska, July 27th, 1933.

Respectfully yours,

Claude P. Hensel,  
Secretary.

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P. S. M. L. Endres, Nebraska State Sheriff, F. C. Condit, Chief of Police, Lincoln, and I, myself, were pleased to notice your report of your reappointment as Director of Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice.

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NEBRASKA  
STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION

Whereas, our National Bureau of Investigation advised all law enforcement agencies that after July 1st, of this year the sending of copies of letters containing identification data would have to be discontinued on account of the reduction in appropriations, and

Whereas, under recent date the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of said Bureau has advised that he has been able to secure additional funds so that the ruling previously made is now being changed and the sending of copies of identification letters will be resumed and those reports will be furnished substantially as in the past, now

Therefore, be it RESOLVED BY THIS ASSOCIATION IN CONVENTION DULY ASSEMBLED that a vote of thanks be, and the same is, hereby extended to the said Honorable John Edgar Hoover for the excellent and far reaching results he has attained in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of this Association be instructed to mail a copy of this RESOLUTION to the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, at Washington, D. C.

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Introduced by

M. L. Endree, State Sheriff

W. C. Condit, President,  
State Sheriff's Association

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Passed at a Regular  
Session of the Con-  
vention held at Broken  
Bow, Nebraska, July 27,  
1933.

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Claude P. Hensel, Secretary,  
Nebraska State Sheriff's Association.

MR. DCS

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July 8, 1933.

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Mr. T. O. Sturdivant,  
Chief of Police,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Chief:

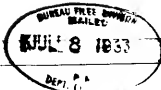
I am in receipt of your communication of June 30,  
with enclosure, and upon perusal thereof I am impelled to  
write and again record my indebtedness to you.

The contents of your letter to the Attorney General  
naturally please me greatly, not only because I am certain  
that commendatory words of this character from a person so  
well known in law enforcement circles as yourself must have a  
real effect, but primarily because this commendation is itself  
a fitting reward for days and nights of struggle and strain in  
the pursuit of efforts to make of this Bureau a real, vital  
coordinating factor in police operations. I was both touched  
and pleased by your letter and I want you to know of my profound  
appreciation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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T. O. STURDIVANT  
CHIEF OF POLICE



# CITY OF ATLANTA

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 30, 1933

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have received your very cordial letter of the 22nd instant. I am naturally very happy to learn that our work for May exceeded that for the previous month, and that that fact was noticed by the Bureau.

I hope you will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing to the Attorney General in reference to a news story which was published in a local paper a few days ago. I would regard it as a calamity if such a change should be made, and I sincerely hope that it will not be considered.

If there is anything further that I can do in this connection kindly feel free to call upon me.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

*T. O. Sturdivant*  
Chief of Police

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JUL 11 1933 A.M.

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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June 30, 1933

Hon. Homer S. Cummings,  
Attorney General,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

Recently I read a newspaper story to the effect that there is some probability that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover will be replaced as Director of the Bureau of Investigation.

This disturbed me greatly. I do not know Mr. Hoover personally and therefore can have no interest in his political welfare as an individual; but in my capacity as Chief of Police I am vitally concerned about the effect such a move would have on the efficiency of the Bureau.

For more than twenty five years I have been actively engaged in the pursuit of criminals, and I feel that my experience has been such as to qualify me to appraise the value of a well-organized, efficiently directed identification bureau.

Under Mr. Hoover's administration the national bureau has been developed to a point where its value to law officers cannot be over-estimated, and it is my firm conviction that the remarkable results which have been achieved in recent years should be credited to the exceptional ability and energy of the present director.

It is my earnest hope, therefore, that you will consider this matter from the standpoint of public welfare and retain Mr. Hoover as head of the Bureau where his great abilities may be utilized in the increasingly difficult and important work of criminal identification.

Respectfully,

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# THE PEACE OFFICER

June, 1933

Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association



Mr. Hoover was unanimously endorsed by the Tennessee & Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, and his reappointment recommended to Attorney General Cummings, Washington, D. C. Mr. Hoover has charge of the most complete bureau of records and identification files in the world, and to his leadership and efficiency credit should be given for the splendid work done since he was elevated to his present position.

Peace Officers of our Association, being familiar with crime conditions, think Mr. Hoover's record justifies his continuance in office. The efficient, courteous and intelligent representatives of the National Bureau assigned to this jurisdiction have made many friends for the Bureau. It is always a pleasure to mingle and talk with them at our conventions.

Following the address of Mr. Dunn, a resolution was introduced commending Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., for his skillful and efficient management of the Identification Bureau at Washington, and recommending his re-appointment to that office. On motion of Mr. F. P. McDonald, seconded by Mr. T. D. Harbour, this resolution was adopted by the Convention and the Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives from Mississippi and Tennessee, as well as a copy to the Attorney General of the United States and also to Hon. John Edgar Hoover.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri.  
May 12, 1933.

Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd attended the Convention of the Association of Chiefs of Police and Sheriffs of the State of Missouri, which was held at Columbia, Missouri on May 8, 9 and 10, 1933.

At this convention a resolution was adopted expressing the appreciation of the peace officers of the State of Missouri for the splendid cooperation which you, as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, have rendered to the various law enforcement officials in this State.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the resolution as adopted by this convention, and it is noted that the Secretary of the Association is to forward copies to you and to the Attorney General of the United States.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATION  
OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND SHERIFFS, STATE OF MISSOURI, at  
Columbia, Missouri, May 8, 9 and 10, 1933.

Whereas Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of the  
United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of  
Justice, has been of infinite value to the law enforcement  
officials of Missouri in combating crime, and has  
personally, and thru the fingerprint division at Wash-  
ington, and also thru his representatives in the field  
assisted us materially and cooperated splendidly in the  
suppression of crime, be it therefore resolved that we  
the members of the Missouri State Sheriffs and Police  
Officers Association, express our appreciation and thanks  
to Mr. Hoover for his assistance and our confidence in  
his continued success as Director of the United States  
Bureau of Investigation, and direct that a copy of this  
resolution be forwarded to Mr. Hoover and also the At-  
torney General of the United States.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>

April 25, 1933.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The President is much pleased to learn that through the efficiency of your Bureau of Investigation young Chandler is being returned to his mother in Atlanta.

The President asks me to express to you his thanks for this very good piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

  
STEPHEN EARLY  
Assistant Secretary to the President.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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May 8, 1933.

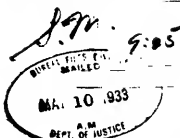
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CANNON

With reference to your inquiry concerning the attached letter from Senator Homer T. Bone, I do not know what the Senator refers to unless it is the complaint made by an ex-agent named Bayliss. My recollection is that Bayliss made some sort of written complaint to the Attorney General in 1929. It was reviewed by Mr. Stewart who found it to be without merit.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on Naval Affairs

May 3, 1933

*Given to Mr. Connel  
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To  
The Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I shall appreciate it if you will have  
me furnished with a copy of a report made by  
Mr. Edgar Hoover, of the Bureau of Investigation,  
with reference to charges made against  
him in 1929.

Thanking you for your attention to  
this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Homer T. Bone

C O P Y

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May 4, 1933

Honorable Sam W. McReynolds,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington D. C.

My dear Mr. Congressman:

Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 1, 1933, with which you transmitted a copy of a letter received from the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, in which was quoted a resolution relative to the cooperative endeavors of the United States Bureau of Investigation in the cause of law enforcement.

I desire to express to you my deep appreciation for your kindness in transmitting the letter in question and I desire to express to you my gratification at the indorsement which comes in this instance from those who are engaged in the vocation of law enforcement. I value this type of indorsement particularly, as it is an expression from those who have occasion almost daily to work and cooperate with this Bureau in the field of investigation and fingerprint identification.

With expressions of my highest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Director.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UNITED STATES

Washington, D. C.

May 1. 1933

C O P Y

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

For your information and file, I herewith  
enclose a letter which is self-explanatory.

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Very respectfully,

/s/ S. D. McPhynolds.

S. D.

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Tennessee  
and  
Mississippi

SHERIFFS & PEACE OFFICERS  
ASSOCIATION  
(Incorporated)

Memphis, Tenn.

April 27, 1933.

Hon. Sam D. McReynolds,  
United States Congressman,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I consider it an honor and a pleasure to advise you that the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, which is the official organization for all law enforcement officials in these two states, at its Annual Spring Convention in Meridian, Mississippi, April 19 and 20, 1933, passed the following resolution concerning the Honorable John Edgar Hoover and his administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

"Due to the splendid and effective administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, by its Director, the Honorable John Edgar Hoover,

"Due to the efficient progress under Director Hoover's supervision of the Identification Division of the Bureau, and

"Due further to the helpfulness and aid to the cause of law enforcement because of the cooperative endeavors of the United States Bureau of Investigation in its functions of investigation, identification and research,

"Therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association assembled at Meridian, Mississippi, April 19, 1933, unanimously go on record as endorsing Mr. Hoover's administration, and desire to express our appreciation for this helpful cooperation and desire further to go on record as expressing our unanimous desire that the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation be continued under the supervision of the Honorable John Edgar Hoover."

The above resolution is respectfully submitted for your information, and it is requested that the sentiment of the Association as reflected in the resolution receive your most careful consideration.

With expressions of my highest regards and best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely yours,

/s/ B. R. Coleman, Jr.  
President

W. F. Griffin  
Secretary

ALFRED SEYMOUR, President  
Lansing, Michigan

GEORGE BLACK, Secretary  
Wilmington, Delaware

EDWARD J. SINGLETON, Treasurer  
Watertown, N. Y.

Honorary President  
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HONORABLE SIR:

WHEREAS, on various occasions in convention assembled and in meetings of Committees, the International Association of Chiefs of Police has recorded on behalf of its members their appreciation of the efforts of John Edgar Hoover to make of the United States Bureau of Investigation, under his jurisdiction, a coordinating, practical and efficient aid to the law enforcement officials of the country and the successful consummation of various phases of its work in the development of the Identification Division and other activities initiated and brought to a successful consummation by him in the course of his progressive administration of the Bureau during the past decade, it is believed appropriate at this time, when a new national administration is to take over the reins of Government, to reiterate, in order to bring to the attention of those upon whom the responsibility for the future development of this great work will, in a material sense, devolve, its sense of approval and gratitude for these accomplishments. It is thought eminently fitting, at this time, to reiterate and quote, in its entirety, the resolution passed at the most recent convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police held during the past year:

"WHEREAS, it is the sense of the members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police met in convention at Portland, Oregon, on this fourteenth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-two, that they should appropriately express their appreciation of the services rendered to law enforcement officials throughout this and other countries by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. The Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, is a source of daily aid and assistance to the Chiefs of Police and other law enforcement officials in the conduct of their efforts to combat crime. The field employees of the Bureau of Investigation are in constant contact with local and State law enforcement officials at all times, are manifestly under instructions to render every possible cooperative assistance in matters coming under jurisdiction, and the value of their services to law enforcement in general and to peace officers of the country in particular cannot be too highly recommended. It is the sense of the members assembled also, that fitting recognition should be shown the striking advance accomplished in combating crime through the organization and development of the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation under the supervision of Mr. Hoover. It is believed that this division has now attained a world wide reputation for expeditious and efficient service to law enforcement officials, and the value of the information promptly transmitted to peace officers cannot be over-estimated.

It is further believed that recognition should be made also of the comprehensive, tireless and self-sacrificing efforts on the part of Mr. Hoover in developing the pioneer work of collecting and publishing uniform crime records statistics. It is realized that this project is still in its infancy, but it is believed substantial progress has already been obtained toward the achieve-

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ment of a comprehensive basis for uniform crime statistics. The value of statistics of this character is, of course, well understood and appreciated by all law enforcement officials.

Mr. Hoover has always been available for personal advice and cooperative counsel and assistance to the members of the Association at all times and has given unreservedly of his time and efforts to all modern plans and projects tending to combat crime and convict criminals.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That it is the sense of the members of this Association that this Resolution be spread on the minutes and that copies thereof be transmitted to the President and Attorney General of the United States."

It is desired to emphasize the non-political character of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the desire of the Executive Committee of this association to avoid any possible indication of interference at this, or any other time, in political affairs, local, state or national. It has been manifest, however, that the conduct of the United States Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of John Edgar Hoover, has been of a non-political character and it is not believed that an endorsement therefore of the work of the United States Bureau of Investigation under his direction could be in any manner characterized as political in any sense. It is the sense of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police that any change in the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation would be prejudicial to the cause of practical, modern, efficient law enforcement as represented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and it is the earnest hope of all the members of this Executive Committee that no such change may be contemplated in this highly important position.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That it is the sense of the members of this Committee that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes and that copies be transmitted to the President-Elect, the Attorney General of the United States, when designated by the President-Elect, and to all of the Members of Congress of the United States.

*George Black*

SECRETARY

# EDITORIAL

## TENURE OF OFFICE

Once again we harp on one of our favorite subjects: In the past sixty days there has been a tremendous turnover in police personnel in the United States. Some changes were made because of obsolete constitutional provisions which prohibit sheriffs from succeeding themselves in office. Others were purely political. We believe that the public will soon realize the folly of electing inexperienced men to the office of sheriff every two or four years and will ratify any action to change the constitutions of those states which have not kept pace with advancements in law enforcement work during the past decade.

There is a possibility that some of the changes are for the best. We have no quarrel with the new executives and wish them success in their new work, but as they read this, we want them to visualize a condition which will vitally interest them four years from now when new state administrations come in and they, too, will have to give way to their successors.

More widespread is becoming the movement for state police and state bureaus of identification. The heads of these departments are being replaced in all of those states in which there has been a change of governors, or political control has passed from one party to another.

Does it necessarily follow that a Republican suddenly becomes a poor law enforcement officer because a Democrat was elected governor? Does a Democrat cease to become efficient the moment that a state goes Republican? Is the value of a warden to a penal institution ended the minute an opposite political party casts a majority at the polls?

How far-reaching this political practice extends will be watched with interest by the police chiefs of the United States who are now centering their focus upon the nation's capital. The United States Bureau of Investigation has never functioned in a manner more creditable than it has under the direction of John Edgar Hoover. His cooperation with the police chiefs of the United States has, indeed, been a great deal to the police profession.

We believe that a precedent is to be established in St. Louis. The police department there enjoys the reputation of being free from politics. Promotions are based upon merit and ability. Men are discharged for sound reasons and not because of political persuasion. The department is directed by a board of five commissioners, four of whom are appointed by the governor and the fifth member is the mayor of the city. The latter seldom interests himself in the affairs of the Police Board as the department is completely beyond the control of the city politicians. The worst recommendation a St. Louis police officer can have is a letter from a ward committee man. In other words, politics are out!

The Commissioners appoint the Chief and the Commissioners make the promotions. There is only one place wherein politics sometimes raises its ugly head and that is in the Chief's office. The prevailing rule has been for a Republican governor to appoint a Republican police chief and vice versa. These board members have always been respectable citizens, and men whose names have seldom been identified in politics. They serve in St. Louis a year. Now and then they have been known to give their salary to the Police Relief fund.

A hopeful view that politics has been eliminated from the Chief's office may be taken from the fact that several recent police boards have ignored precedent and retained capable chiefs of opposite political faith. The late Colonel Martin O'Brien, Democrat, served under a Republican board as well as under a Democratic board, and the late Colonel William Young, Republican, his predecessor, served under both Republican and Democratic boards.

We are encouraged by the fact that a new St. Louis Police Board, composed of William L. Igou, Albert Bond Lambert, George T. Priest and John J. Phelan, all Democrats, announced immediately after its organization that there would be no changes in police heads. This means that Colonel Joseph A. Gerk, known to be a non-partisan and one of the foremost police executives in the United States, will remain St. Louis' Chief of Police.

Gerk has been given high honors by brother chiefs of this Continent. He is past-president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He was the United States' representative at the Police Conference held in Mexico two years ago. He is a member of nearly every important police committee in the United States. He is one of the champions of the new federal law of the United States and he is one of the best police chiefs St. Louis has ever had.

We hope that Governor Priest and the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners will set a precedent at this time to show to the world that merit and experience count for more in the police profession than political party.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 22, 1933

My dear Mr. Hoover:

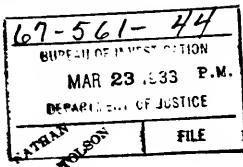
Please let me thank you for the cooperation you gave us with reference to the Crippled Child Relief Organization of Minneapolis. Your action was quick and thorough and served the purpose splendidly.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN T. EARLY  
Assistant Secretary to the  
President

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Edwards.....
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Memorandum for the Director, Bureau of Investigation

There are returned herewith vouchers in favor of yourself in the amount of \$7.75 and of Mr. C. A. Tolson in the amount of \$5.10 for reimbursement of travel and other expenses including the per diem allowance incurred on March 20 and 21, 1933, in proceeding from Washington, D. C. to New York, N. Y., and return. Before the vouchers can be passed for settlement it will be necessary to support the same with further explanation in connection with the following items:

On March 20th you engaged a room in the New Yorker Hotel at New York City at a cost of \$2.00 and have furnished an explanation to the effect that the room was engaged for official purposes and not for personal reasons. Kindly advise as to why a room was not obtained in the Federal Building or other Government offices in New York City for this purpose.

On the night of March 20th upon returning to Washington, you exchanged transportation request No. J-403,119 for a single room at a cost of \$6.75 and Mr. Tolson issued request No. J-459,353 for similar accommodations. In connection with the use of the single room the vouchers show the same was necessary in order to safeguard official papers, inasmuch as proper safety thereof was not assured by the use of the standard lower berth. It would appear that if the use of a single room was necessary to safeguard such papers, that one room would have been sufficient thereof.

Section 10 of the Act of March 4, 1933, restricts reimbursement to the "lowest first class." The travel regulations generally define the lowest first class Pullman accommodations as being a lower berth. This office has received informal and oral advice from the General Accounting Office to the effect that that office will allow "superior

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Pullman accommodations under such circumstances as outlined in the two vouchers. However, in view of the specific prohibition in the Act, it will be necessary for the Disbursing Clerk to submit the question of reimbursement in these cases to the Comptroller General for decision thereon. In order to avoid any embarrassing criticism on the part of the Comptroller General, you are kindly requested to advise this office in detail as to the necessity for the use of the superior Pullman accommodations ~~in preservation of the law~~ and the necessity for the use of more than one single room.

Very truly yours,



J. W. Gardner,  
General Agent and Chief Clerk.

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March 20, 1933.

Honorable John B. Dingell,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Mr. Clegg of this Bureau has conveyed to me your personal message in which you expressed your approval of the administration of this Bureau, based upon facts furnished you by law enforcement officials in your district.

I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation for your greeting and expressions of confidence. I am particularly pleased that your opinion has been formulated following a discussion of the work and functions of the United States Bureau of Investigation between yourself and those who are engaged in law enforcement work and have an opportunity to know from experience and association the value of the service rendered by this Bureau.

Please be assured that I shall be glad to be of any service possible in connection with any matter of mutual interest if you will inform me of your desires.

With expressions of my highest regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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February 17, 1933.

Mr. John K. Acton,  
Secretary, Northwest Oregon  
Officers' Association,  
Astoria, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Acton:

I am in receipt of your communication of February 7th, attaching a copy of a Resolution passed by the Northwest Oregon Officers' Association, at their meeting held in Corvallis, Oregon, February 4, 1933, speaking in commendatory terms of the cooperation which I have been able to afford law enforcement officials in connection with the work of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

I want you to know, and I would appreciate it if you will convey to your associates in the Northwest Oregon Officers' Association, my very great pleasure at receiving this commendation from the members of this Association. I feel that the approval of officials of long practical experience and high standing in law enforcement circles, such as are possessed by members of the Northwest Oregon Officers' Association, is a real honor, and that commendation of this kind possesses a significance which may not be attached to any ordinary, routine expressions of approval. It is for this reason that I value very highly the Resolution in question.

I will always be pleased to render in every possible way, either from the Seat of Government at Washington, or through the representatives of this Bureau in the field, every possible cooperation with you and the members of your Association.

With expressions of my best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Astoria, Oregon.  
February 7, 1933.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As directed by President Earl A. Wott of the  
Northwest Oregon Officers Association. I am enclosing a copy  
of a resolution which was adopted at their last meeting.

Very truly yours,

John E. Aston (S)  
Secretary  
Northwest Oregon Officers Ass'n.

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The Northwest Oregon Officers Association at its meeting in Corvallis, Oregon, February 4, 1933, adopted the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, in convention assembled at Corvallis, Oregon, on February 4, 1933 by the Northwest Oregon Officers Association that this Association commends the work of the United States Bureau of Investigation and of its Director, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to Mr. Hoover at Washington, D. C.

John E. Astor (S)

SECRETARY.

WHDL:EB

February 11, 1933.

Mr. L. C. Chapman,  
Superintendent,  
Florida State Prison Farm,  
Raiford, Florida.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

Reference is made to your recent conversation with Special Agent R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville office of the United States Bureau of Investigation, in which you spoke in very flattering terms of this Bureau and its work. Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for these kind remarks and to assure you that I appreciate them.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing certain articles concerning the work and functions of this Bureau, which I trust may prove of interest to you. These articles are as follows:

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Civil Identification,  
Crime Statistics,  
International Exchange of Fingerprints,  
Latent Fingerprints,  
Interesting Latent Fingerprint Cases,  
Compilation of Certain Leading Court Decisions  
with Reference to Fingerprint Evidence,  
Statistics Compiled from Fingerprint Cards,  
February 1--December 31, 1932,  
The United States Bureau of Investigation.

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Sincerely yours,

Director

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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Department of Justice

Post Office Box 32,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

February 7, 1933.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please be advised of a recent visit paid the Florida State Prison Farm at Raiford, Florida, by Special Agent F. A. Alt, at which time in the course of an interview had with Mr. L. C. Chapman, Superintendent of the institution, the matter of the Bureau's Identification Division was brought up. Mr. Chapman stated "You know I am keenly interested in that work. It's the greatest step forward that justice has ever taken and Mr. Hoover certainly has it functioning beautifully in the great service it renders to law-enforcement officers."

For your information, I might state that Mr. Chapman, who is very much interested in criminology and penal institution work, is highly regarded in this state. Only recently he was lauded and commended by the inmates of his institution, for his fair and considerate treatment of them, in a testimonial scroll which they had, without solicitation, prepared and presented to him, and caused to be published in the Florida press.

Personally, I believe that Mr. Chapman's expression, above quoted, coming from a man of his standing, is one to which the Director and the Bureau can justly point with pride.

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

WM:DSS

February 4, 1935.

Mr. Fred H. McDuff,  
President, Alabama Sheriffs' and  
Peace Officers' Association,  
Room 809, City Hall,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

My dear Chief:

I had occasion to write you a few days ago thanking you, as President of the Alabama Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association, for the cooperation exhibited at all times and particularly during the meeting of the association during the recent past toward all of the representatives of this Bureau with whom they have come in contact and with myself, as the Bureau head.

I am now in receipt of your letter of January 30, quoting a resolution adopted by the convention on January 28, generously praising my administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation. I want you to know how much I appreciate these words of praise and commendation. I feel that praise and endorsement from practical police officials engaged daily in the most important vocation of combating crime is of real significance and more gratifying than any commendation which might be received from those less versed in the problems inherent in law enforcement. I do consider it an honor to have been the subject of this resolution. It is a real satisfaction to receive this highly flattering comment from such leading representatives of law and order as yourself and your associates. I feel that the long years of struggle for effective cooperation on the part of this Governmental agency with law enforcement officials throughout the country have not been in vain, in view of the receipt of this token of appreciation from your organization. May I emphasize my desire to continue cooperating to the fullest possible extent with you and your associates in accomplishing the most comprehensive program possible of Federal and State cooperation in order to more effectively thereby serve the interests of the law abiding citizenry of the country. Our aims and ideals are the same and I feel that we should work in close harmony and cooperative endeavor for the purpose of effecting the accomplishment of these ideals.

With best wishes to you and all of my friends in Alabama, and hoping to see you personally soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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ALABAMA SHERIFFS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Office of the President,  
Room 209, City Hall,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

January 20, 1933.

Hon. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As President of the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of the State of Alabama, consisting of approximately five hundred sheriffs, chiefs of police and other duly authorized law-enforcement officials of this state, as well as being Chief of Police of the city of Birmingham, I consider it an honor and a pleasure to quote herewith one of the resolutions unanimously adopted by the convention in general assembly held at the Tutwiler hotel in Birmingham on January 26, 1933, which has reference to your efficient administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and the splendid progress that it has made under your supervision:

"Due to the splendid spirit of cooperation that exists between the various peace officers of the State of Alabama, and the United States Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice,

"Due to the splendid and effective administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation by its Director, the Honorable John Edgar Hoover,

"Due to the splendid progress under Director Hoover's supervision of the Identification Division of the aforesaid Bureau and,

"Due, further, to the helpfulness and aid to the cause of law enforcement because of the cooperative endeavors of the United States Bureau of Investigation, in its functions of investigation, identification, and research,

"Therefore, be it resolved that: We, the members of the Alabama Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, in convention assembled, do hereby unanimously go on record as endorsing the administration of the aforesaid Bureau, under the direction of the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, and we desire hereby to express our appreciation for this helpful cooperation, and desire further to be an

"record as expressing our unanimous desire that the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation be continued under the supervision of the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, and

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, the Attorney General of the United States, the President-elect of the United States, and his Attorney General, yet to be designated, as well as each of the United States Senators, and each of the members of the House of Representatives from the State of Alabama."

On the date that this resolution was passed by the convention in general assembly, the Secretary of same, Mr. George W. Houtz, was instructed to telegraphically inform the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, President-elect of the United States, the sentiments of the entire body in assembly at the convention. On even date I am confirming that telegram to the President-elect by letter.

In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association for this state, copy of this resolution is going forward on even date to the Attorney General of the United States, as well as to each of the United States Senators and each of the members of the House of Representatives from the State of Alabama, and a copy of same will also be forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States yet to be designated by the President-elect.

I thought that you might possibly be interested in a copy of the letters forwarded to the persons named above, and I am therefore enclosing a copy of same herewith for your information in the premises.

You may be assured that all law-enforcement officials in this section of the country have readily recognized and greatly appreciated the efficient service that has been rendered by the United States Bureau of Investigation under your supervision. You may further be assured that the Association stands ready and willing at all times to assist you in matters of mutual interest.

The convention held in this city was a success in every respect, and the only thing lacking was your presence. However, they all enjoyed the address given by your very able assistant, Mr. Hugh H. Clegg, and although not present at the convention on account of illness, I have been reliably informed that he acquitted himself in a splendid manner.

With expressions of best wishes and highest esteem, I am,

Yours very truly,

FRED W. McDUFF  
President.

C O P Y

February 1, 1933.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the thirtieth with a copy of the resolution of your Association respecting the Bureau of Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

I very much appreciate this expression of your commendation.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William D. Mitchell

Fred H. McDuff, President,  
Alabama Sheriffs' and Peace  
Officers' Association,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

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C O P Y

ALABAMA SHERIFFS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

Office of President  
Room 209, City Hall

Birmingham, Ala.,  
January 30, 1933.

Honorable William D. Mitchell,  
Attorney General of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

As President of the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of the State of Alabama, consisting of approximately five hundred sheriffs, chiefs of police and other duly authorized law-enforcement officials of the State of Alabama, which recently held its annual convention at the Tutwiler Hotel located in Birmingham, Ala., on January 25th and 26th, 1933, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to transact and dispose of all new business brought before that body, as directed by the members of the Alabama Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, I am quoting one of the resolutions unanimously adopted by the convention in general assembly, which has reference to the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice:

(Pencilled note)	"Due to the splendid spirit of cooperation that exists between the various peace officers of the State of Alabama and the United States Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice,
Dear Sir I have your letter of the 30 with a copy of the resolution respecting the Bureau of Inv. & its Director J Edgar Hoover. I very much appreciate this expression of your commendation.	"Due to the splendid and affective administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation by its Director, the Honorable John Edgar Hoover,
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Sincerely	"Due, further, to the helpfulness and aid to the cause of law enforcement because of the cooperative endeavors of the United States Bureau of Investigation, in its functions of investigation, identification and research,

"Therefore, be it resolved that: We, the members of the Alabama Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, in convention assembled, do hereby unanimously go on record as endorsing the administration of the aforesaid Bureau, under the direction of the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, and we desire hereby to express our appreciation for this helpful cooperation, and desire further to be on record as expressing our appreciation and unanimous desire that the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation be continued under the supervision of the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, and

"Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, the Attorney General of the United States, the President-elect of the United States, and his Attorney General, yet to be designated, as well as each of the United States Senators, and each of the members of the house of Representatives from the State of Alabama."

This resolution carries the sentiments of the entire body in assembly at the convention mentioned above.

I have been connected with the Police Department of Birmingham for the past thirty-odd years and have come into constant contact with the representatives of Mr. Hoover from all parts of the country, and wish to state that in my opinion he has organized the most efficient investigative agency in the entire Government service.

I could enumerate many instances where the cooperation and assistance received from his Bureau have been invaluable to law-enforcement officials generally throughout this section of the country. The fingerprint service he offers to the entire nation would be almost indispensable to all law-enforcement officials throughout the land.

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I consider it an honor and a pleasure to transmit the sentiments of this body to you for your information in the premises.

Very truly yours,

FRED H. McDUFF,  
President.

**SECRET**

WHDL:CS

February 1, 1933.

Sheriff Claude P. Hensel,  
Secretary and Treasurer,  
Nebraska State Sheriff's Association,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter of January 28, 1933, enclosing a copy of the resolution passed by the Nebraska State Sheriff's Association at the convention at Omaha, Nebraska, January 25-26, 1933, suggesting my retention as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and setting out the close cooperation between the Bureau and all Nebraska peace officials.

I am very grateful for this expression of confidence from your Association, and wish to thank both you and the Association for your thoughtfulness in adopting this resolution. Please accept for yourself, and extend to the members of your Association, my thanks for this kind expression of their regard for me, and convey to them my best wishes for the continued success of the Association.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing certain articles concerning the work and functions of this Bureau, which I trust may prove of interest to you and the members of the Association. These articles are as follows:

Adoption of Standard Classification of  
Criminal Offenses.  
Civil Identification.  
Crime Statistics.  
Interesting Latent Fingerprint Cases.  
International Exchange of Fingerprints.  
Latent Fingerprints.  
Leading Court Decisions with reference to  
Fingerprint Evidence.  
Statistics Compiled from Fingerprint Cards.  
Training of Personnel.  
The United States Bureau of Investigation.

Very cordially yours,

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Enclosure #925420.

Director.



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Wm. C. Condit  
President

Claude P. Mensel,  
Secretary

Office of  
Nebraska State Sheriff's Association  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

January 28, 1933.

John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find copy of Resolutions passed by the  
Nebraska State Sheriffs' Association in convention January 25th &  
26th, at Omaha, Nebraska.

With best wishes for you and your organization;

Claude P. Mensel,  
Secretary & Treasurer

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Wm. C. Condit, President

Claude P. Mensel, Secretary

Office of  
Nebraska State Sheriff's Association  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. has materially assisted peace officers in the State of Nebraska in combating crime, and has personally, and through his representatives in the field, cooperated impartially in an effort to subdue crime, be it, therefore, RESOLVED that, in view of his devotion to duty, and the Nebraska State Sheriff's Association, adopt this resolution recommending that Honorable John Edgar Hoover be retained as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and direct that copies of this resolution be mailed to Honorable Arthur Mullen of Omaha, Nebraska, Honorable James J. Farley of New York City, New York, Honorable George W. Norris, United States Senator of Nebraska, Honorable E. B. Nowell, United States Senator of Nebraska, and to each Congressman, or the Congressman elect, from the State of Nebraska.

John J. Marx,  
Hanns Karge,  
J. C. Broady,  
L. D. Mengel,  
Carl Ryder,  
A. E. Carter.

Committee on Resolutions.

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December 19, 1932.

Mr. W. H. Lee,  
Chief of Police,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

*Wm. Hoover*

Dear Mr. Lee:

I have received the letter of December 12, 1932, signed jointly by you and Mr. Barney Finn, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau of the Fort Worth Police Department and I want you to know that I deeply appreciate the sentiments expressed therein concerning the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

It has been my aim to administer the work of this Bureau on a purely non-partisan basis and I feel that the many expressions of appreciation received from law enforcement officials and agencies throughout the country are indicative of the value which this service has been in assisting them in their work of dealing with crime and criminals. It is most gratifying to know that the officials and agencies with whom the Bureau has such close official relationships are interested in the continuation of the policies for which we have worked so diligently during the past several years. Please accept my sincere thanks for your expressions of commendation and willingness to be of assistance in this regard.

I was interested in the results which have been secured in connection with your identification activities and I trust that you will let me know when I or any official of the United States Bureau of Investigation can be of any assistance to you in your work.

With my very best wishes of the holiday season, I am

Cordially yours,

Director.

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December 19, 1932.

Mr. Barney Finn,  
Superintendent,  
Identification Bureau,  
Police Department,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Finn:

I have received the letter of December 12, 1932, signed jointly by you and Chief of Police W. H. Lee of Fort Worth, concerning the administration of the United States Bureau of Investigation. I am extremely grateful to you for your expressions of commendation and willingness to be of any possible assistance in the movement initiated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association for Identification to continue the present administration of the Bureau.

It has been my sole purpose as Director of this Bureau to cooperate in every possible manner with state and local law enforcement officials and agencies throughout the country in law enforcement work and the many expressions of appreciation which have been received from those with whom the Bureau cooperates have been extremely gratifying.

If I can be of assistance to you at any time in your work, I trust that you will feel free to call upon me.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Director.

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CITY OF FORT WORTH

Police Department  
W.H. Lee, Chief of Police

Fort Worth, Texas  
December 12, 1932.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director Bureau Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You no doubt recall that this Department recently made arrangements with your Bureau in the handling of our investigation arrests. In other words, every prisoner going through the Department have their prints taken and a copy is furnished your Bureau with the request that if they are not identified, that the prints be returned.

The results obtained have been so gratifying that we feel we should go on record as at least appreciating the services rendered by your Bureau.

It may interest you to know that on the prints being mailed for identification requesting return of prints where no identification is made, the percentage being identified by your Bureau is in excess of 80%, ranging from vagrancy through the more serious crimes, etc.

The percentage being identified in our Bureau added to that identified in your Bureau practically convinces us that 80% of the tramps travelling the country are thieves.

We further want to assure you personally that we are both in absolute accord with the movement coming from within the ranks of both the International Chiefs of Police Association and the International Association for Identification to perpetuate the present head of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, knowing full well that should you again receive that appointment, the organization will continue to function with the able assistants you now have in charge.

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Should the time arrive when either of us can be of assistance in carrying out this suggestion, we want you to use us as you see fit. With warmest personal regards, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

W. H. Lee  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Barney Finn  
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December 3, 1932.

Mr. Leroy Goodwin,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
International Association for  
Identification,  
1047 Hawthorne Street,  
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 28, 1932, wherein you advise of the resolution adopted by the International Association for Identification, with reference to the identification activities of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and desire to express to you my appreciation for your kindness in transmitting this to me.

It is, of course, a source of deep personal gratification for me to know that the Bureau's work has been so acceptable to the members of such an outstanding organization. In turn, I trust you will permit me to reciprocate the expressions of approval which you have indicated in your resolution and assure you of my own desire to afford you every assistance, individually and collectively, in all activities wherein we may be mutually interested.

With kindest regards and expressions of my esteem,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IDENTIFICATION.

November 28, 1932.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Be It Resolved that the International Association for Identification express its appreciation and thanks to Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice for his courtesy in assigning to Mr. L. C. Schilder and Mr. A. J. Rance the duty of attending this convention and representing the Bureau of Investigation.

Be It Further Resolved that the International Association for Identification appreciates the wonderful service rendered by the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and to assure Mr. Hoover that we deeply appreciate the consideration of that Bureau to our every reasonable suggestion that tends to improve, if possible, such services as are rendered the identification world by that Bureau.

Sincerely Yours.

(s) Leroy Godwin

Secy. & Treas.

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December 13, 1932.

Mr. William T. Griffin,  
Inspector of Detectives,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear Inspector Griffin:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1932, in which you quote a Resolution adopted at the Fall Convention of the Tennessee and Mississippi Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association relative to the work of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

I am deeply appreciative of this Resolution and want to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding it to me. It has been my aim as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation to afford every possible cooperation in investigative, fingerprint, and crime statistics matters to state and local law-enforcement officials and agencies and I am pleased to receive this expression of endorsement from the organization which you represent.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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TENNESSEE AND  
MISSISSIPPI

SHERIFFS & PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)  
MEMPHIS, TENN.  
Dec. 9th, 1932.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Identification Div'n.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

At the Fall Convention of the Tennessee & Mississippi Sheriff's & Peace Officers Association, held recently in Memphis, Tenn., the following Resolution was passed and the writer was instructed to furnish a copy of same to you also a copy to the United States Attorney General.

WHEREAS: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, has assisted and co-operated with all law enforcement officials personally, and through the Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation assigned throughout the United States, and through the Fingerprint Division of the Bureau of Investigation, and, Whereas, this co-operation has materially assisted the officers in this section of the country in combating crime, be it RESOLVED: That the TENNESSEE & MISSISSIPPI SHERIFF'S AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION go on record endorsing the work of Mr. Hoover and directing a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Hoover and The Attorney General of the United States, as well.

Yours very truly,

W. T. Griffin (S)  
Secretary.

THE KANSAS STATE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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H. B. BAKER, Secretary-Treasurer

OFFICE OF  
H. B. BAKER, Secretary-Treasurer,  
1321 Mulvane St., Topeka, Kansas

Topeka, December 9, 1932.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

It is my very great pleasure to en-  
close copy of resolution, which was passed by  
the Kansas State Peace Officers' Association  
in convention assembled at Lawrence, Kansas,  
Friday, December 2, 1932.

I want to personally thank you for  
the assistance which has been rendered to the  
peace officers of Kansas and to our own  
department.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ H. B. Baker.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., personally and through his Special Agents throughout the field, has cooperated with all peace officers throughout the State of Kansas, and, whereas, the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, has materially assisted us in combating crime, be it Resolved: That the Kansas State Peace Officers' Association express their appreciation to Mr. Hoover, and that a copy of this Resolution be directed to Mr. Hoover and also to The Attorney General of the United States.

Chairman J. Holston Jr.  
G. A. Reid  
L. D. White

Committee on Resolutions.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: John Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., personally and through his Special Agents throughout the field, has cooperated with all peace officers throughout the State of Kansas, and, whereas, the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, has materially assisted us in combating crime, be it Resolved: That the Kansas State Peace Officers' Association express their appreciation to Mr. Hoover, and that a copy of this Resolution be directed to Mr. Hoover and also to The Attorney General of the United States.

CHARLES J. ROBERTSON, Jr.  
G. A. ROSS  
L. D. WHITE

Committee on Resolutions.

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December 1, 1932.

Honorable James M. Broughton,  
Honorary President, the International  
Association of Chiefs of Police,  
Portsmouth, Virginia.

My dear Chief:

I have yours of November 30, together with attached enclosures.

I hardly know what to say. As a matter of fact, I am deeply touched, so much so that I find it difficult to express in appropriate words my personal appreciation and gratitude. It is good to know that the many years of effort; the seemingly interminable days and nights of struggle with vexing and almost insuperable problems really bring a reward that is of lasting value; that is, the approval and support of men like yourself who are truly representative of the law enforcement sentiment and brains of the country. ~~No matter what the future may hold, I shall always~~ feel that my efforts along the lines of non-partisan law enforcement and cooperative endeavors have not been wasted but that, on the other hand, I have received ample fruition and a greater reward than I deserve. I shall cherish the remembrance of your kindness and support at all times.

I have no suggestions to make. I believe your letter fully covers the situation appropriately and in detail.

I will be only too glad to see you at any time you come to Washington and trust that you may be able to let me know a few days in advance so that I may be certain of being here.

Assuring you again of my grateful appreciation and earnest endeavor to deserve your support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

HONORARY PRESIDENT  
James M. Broughton,  
Portsmouth, Virginia.

Portsmouth, Virginia,  
November 30, 1931.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Identification & Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I  
am mailing to the officers and members of the International  
Association Chiefs of Police.

It is my idea to later ask for a meeting of  
the Executive Committee of the Association for the purpose  
of passing resolutions in favor of carrying out the purpose  
expressed in this letter.

I expect to take this matter up personally with  
my friend, Harry Flood Byrd, Democratic leader of this State.  
I will come to Washington sometime after the holidays and  
talk with you personally about this matter.

Any suggestions you may care to advance will be  
appreciated,

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Yours very respectfully,

(s) J. M. Broughton,  
Honorary President.



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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

HONORARY PRESIDENT  
JAMES M. BROUGHTON  
Portsmouth, Virginia.

Portsmouth, Virginia,  
November 30, 1932.

Hon. Harry Flood Byrd,  
Winchester, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to the officers and members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police concerning a matter of importance to every police department and other law enforcing agency in the United States. It refers to the position occupied by the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Identification and Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Frankly, his is a non-partisan position and has to deal with all police departments whether they be under Democratic or Republican control, and I am of the opinion that no change in political administration should affect the bureau's directorship.

I hope to be able to see you sometime after the holidays and discuss this matter with you personally.

With fond personal regards, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

(s) J. M. Broughton

Honorary President

## THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Honorary President  
James A. Broughton,  
Portsmouth, Va.

Portsmouth, Va.

I am writing you in regards to the position held by the Honorable John Edgar Hoover, namely, the Directorship of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, in Washington, D. C., with the intention of arousing a concerted effort to maintain him in the said position, believing it to be to the best interest of every law enforcement officer in this country.

Were conditions normal, I believe we could safely say that no change in the Directorship of this Bureau would be possible. My reason for this confidence would be based upon the fact that as you know this Bureau has been conducted on a completely non-partisan basis with a view only to the best possible service that could be rendered the law enforcement officials of the country and the community that depends for its safety upon these officials. I think that you will agree with me that police work must be divorced from political considerations if modern ideals of efficiency and effective law enforcement are to be maintained. It has been universally recognized that the Bureau, and in this connection the Directorship of the Bureau, was not politically grounded or influenced and that political pressure should not be brought to bear during changes of political administrations. It might be well to admit that current times are not normal and I believe that pressure may be exerted from certain political sources in behalf of securing a change in the Directorship of the Bureau. It must be remembered that Mr. Hoover has not at any time engaged in any political activities. He was born and raised in the District of Columbia and, consequently, he has not had an opportunity to exercise the right of franchise.

He was originally appointed in the Department of Justice in 1917 under a Democratic administration and has been connected with the Department since that time. He was appointed to his present position in 1924 by Attorney General Stone and there were no political elements considered in the making of the appointment. In the administration of the Bureau he has consistently refrained from permitting political pressure of any kind to influence the appointments which have been made under his administration and he has a very definite rule in his Manual of Rules and Regulations that anyone resorting to any influence political or otherwise, will be immediately dismissed from the service. I sincerely believe that this is the only way that a law enforcement agency should be operated.

I would regret exceedingly the break-down of the splendid cooperation which has been built up not only in this country but internationally which I am

certain would cause were political pressure brought to bear in the conduct of the Bureau, or were political considerations permitted to effect the Bureau's work and its personnel.

There is frankly some element of uncertainty attached to the future along these lines when there comes about any change of administration and while, as I have stated, I do not know of any specific indication of this kind, yet I feel that if friends of the Bureau feel that his administration merits the confidence and support upon the broad basis of efficient administration, they might express those thoughts in a proper manner to parties in whose hands will lie the decision as to whether there should or should not be any change in the Directorship of the Bureau.

My understanding is that if any change were made in this Department it would be after March 1st, 1933, and would be made by the new Attorney General. If you feel as I do in this matter, I would appreciate a letter from you on this subject, and would request that you direct a letter to any United States Senator or Congressman that will be in office after March 1st, 1933, giving your views and asking his influence to this end. Kindly send me two copies of any such letter you may write pertaining to this subject.

Yours very respectfully,

(s) J. E. Doughton,

Honorary President,

I. A. S. P.

October 1, 1932.

Mr. Otto Karbusicky, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police,  
612 - 11th Avenue, S. E.,  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Chief:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication transmitting on behalf of the members of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, a copy of a resolution passed at your last convention, in which the work of this Bureau and its representatives are spoken of in favorable terms by the members of your Association.

I want to let you know how much I appreciate the kindness and courtesy which motivated this action on the part of your organization. I value higher than any other praise that has been received the commendation of practical, successful police officials in the field. This indicates that our efforts through the years have not been in vain inasmuch as the Bureau has received the approbation of those prominent in the line of law enforcement such as the representative members of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police. You may rest assured that if I can be of any assistance personally or officially at any time in the future to the members of your organization, I will esteem it a favor to be called upon.

With expressions of my best wishes and highest esteem,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Otto Karbusicky, Secy.-Treas.  
612 11th Avenue S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

J.W. Giellis, Pres.  
Chief of Police,  
Dubuque, Iowa

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, X  
Director, U.S. Bureau of Inves.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the members of this  
Association, I am attaching hereto, copy of resolution  
passed at our last Convention, held in the City of  
Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 13-14-15-1932.

I am sure that there is nothing that  
I could add, in extending our appreciation of the  
splendid co-operation we have received from the  
members of your Department.

With best wishes, I remain

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Otto Karbusicky

Sec'y-Treas.

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR COOPERATION.**

**WHEREAS,** Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, has assisted and cooperated with all law enforcement officials, personally, through the special agents, Mr. Wyrner Hanni, Agent in charge of the United States Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mr. Reed Vetterl, Agent in charge of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Missouri, and other Agents assigned throughout the United States, and through the Fingerprint Division of the Bureau, and

**WHEREAS,** This cooperation has materially assisted the officers in this section of the country in combatting crime

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

That the Iowa Association of Chief of Police go on record endorsing the work of Mr. Hoover, and directing a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hoover and the Attorney General of the United States.

/s/ Earl Steffen

/s/ F. R. Sanford

/s/ W. J. Oure

/s/ C. T. Grant

**CHAIRMAN**

(Notation: Moved - Seconded  
Passed, 9/15/32)

Honorary President  
JAMES M. BROUGHTON  
Portsmouth, Va.

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of CHIEFS of POLICE  
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SEPTEMBER 1932

HON. WILLIAM D. MITCHELL  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:-

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE  
TO ATTACH HERETO A REMEMBRANCE OF ASSOCIATION  
OF J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
FOR THE FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED WORK HE HAS  
PERFORMED THE HISTORY OF THIS ASSOCIATION IS  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY. I AM SURE THAT  
MR. HOOVER WILL LONG CONTINUE THE DEDICATED AND  
WORK FOR HIS BUREAU THAT HE HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO  
THE PAST.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*George C. ...*

GEORGE C.

RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS  
OF  
J. EDGAR HOOVER

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the members of the International Association of Chiefs of Police met in convention at Portland, Oregon, on this thirteenth day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-two, that they should appropriately express their appreciation of the services rendered to law enforcement officials throughout this and other countries by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Justice; the Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Mr. Hoover, is a source of daily aid and assistance to the chiefs of Police and other law enforcement officials in the conduct of their efforts to combat crime. The field employees of the Bureau of Investigation are in constant contact with local and state law enforcement officials at all times, are manifestly under instructions to render every possible co-operative assistance in matters coming under jurisdiction, and the value of this services to law enforcement in general and to police officers of the country in particular cannot be too highly estimated. It is the sense of the members of the Association that further recognition should be shown the striking advance accomplished in combating crime through the organization and development of the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation under the supervision of Mr. Hoover. It is believed that this division has now attained a world wide reputation for expeditious and efficient service to law enforcement officials, the value of the information promptly transmitted to police officers cannot be over-estimated.

It is further believed that recognition should be made of the comprehensive, tireless and self-sacrificing efforts on the part of Mr. Hoover in developing the pioneer work of collecting and publishing uniform crime records statistics. It is realized that this project is still in its infancy, but it is believed substantial progress has already been obtained toward the achievement of a comprehensive basis for uniform crime statistics. The value of statistics of this character is, of course, well understood and appreciated by all law enforcement officials.

Mr. Hoover has always been available for personal advice and co-operative counsel and assistance to the members of the Association at all times and has given unreservedly of his time and efforts to all modern plans and projects tending to combat crime and convict criminals.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this Association and that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Association and be transmitted to the President and Attorney-General of the United States.

ALFRED SEYMOUR; Chairman



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MEMPHIS

August 10, 1932.

Mr. Claude P. Hensel,  
Secretary, Nebraska State  
Sheriff's Association,  
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Hensel:

I am in receipt, by reference from the Attorney General, of your communication of August 6th, attaching a copy of a Resolution passed by the Nebraska State Sheriff's Association, at their mid-summer meeting, held July 28th and 29th, speaking in commendatory terms of the cooperation which I have been able to afford law enforcement officials in connection with the work of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

I want you to know, and I would appreciate it if you will convey to your associates in the Nebraska State Sheriff's Association, my very great pleasure at receiving this commendation from the members of this Association. I feel that the approval of officials of long practical experience and high standing in law enforcement circles, such as are possessed by the members of the Nebraska State Sheriff's Association, is a real honor, and that commendation of this kind possesses a significance which may not be attached to any ordinary, routine expressions of approval. It is for this reason that I value very highly the Resolution in question.

I will always be pleased to render in every possible way, either from the Seat of Government at Washington, or through the representatives of this Bureau in the field, every possible cooperation with you and the members of your Association.

With expressions of my best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Claude P. Hensel, Secretary

Office of  
NEBRASKA STATE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION  
Lincoln, Nebraska

August 6, 1932.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Sir:

I am enclosing you copy of resolution passed by  
the Nebraska State Sheriffs Association at their mid-summer  
meeting held at Fairbury, Nebraska, July 28 and 29, 1932,  
signatures of same being the committee on resolutions appointed  
by the convention.

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Very truly yours,

(s) Claude P. Hensel  
Secretary

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P. S. We were favored with the attendance of three members  
of the United States Bureau of Investigation, to-wit: R. E.  
Vetterle, and R. V. Murphy of Kansas City, Missouri, and J. Reid  
Green of Omaha, Nebraska.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, has assisted and cooperated with all law enforcement officials, through the Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation assigned throughout the United States, and through the Fingerprint Division of the Bureau, and, whereas, this cooperation has materially assisted the officers in this section of the country in combating crime, be it Resolved: That the Nebraska State Sheriffs Association go on record endorsing the work of Mr. Hoover and directing a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Hoover and The Attorney General of the United States, as well.

T. J. Roberts

L. E. Carter

Tom Dunn

L. D. Mangel

Guy Avery

R. C. Fox

Frank Steinacher

George McClain

Lloyd Phipps

G. Royal Hanson

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Remus Fargo

R. L. Carroll

John J. Barr

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July 2, 1932.

Mr. E. C. Stuart,  
Assistant Collector,  
United States Customs Service,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

Permit me to express my gratitude  
for the renewal of my Coast Guard Cutter permit  
which I received today.

Sincerely yours,

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# TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

July 1, 1932.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Treasury Department, I am pleased to  
send to you herewith a renewal of your term Coast Guard cutter permit  
which expired today.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Collector.

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WASHINGTON

June 30, 1932.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As a reply to your letter of June 29th, you are advised  
that the Collector of Customs at New York is being requested to  
issue a renewal of the term cutter pass held by you, and mail the  
same to you in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

*S. L. Brown*  
Assistant Secretary.

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1420 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
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Director  
U. S. Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau, I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent F. E. Hurley, which relates to the Director's testimony before the House of Representatives' Committee.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Cincinnati, Ohio  
May 8, 1932

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: Pascal Paper Company, Inc.,  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

During the course of an official inquiry by this agent at the executive offices of the Bell Telephone Company, 225 E. Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, in the above entitled case, it was deemed advisable to interview Mr. Joseph W. Heintzman, Chief Counsel for the said company, in order to secure a confidential report of long distance telephone calls put in or received by Dr. Anthony D. Pascal, brother of Subject James Pascal, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Heintzman graciously volunteered his full cooperation and gave instructions to his secretary to make a thorough search of the company's long distance call records with a view of securing the desired information.

Subsequent to making the initial inquiry, Mr. Heintzman asked agent if his superior officer was not Mr. J. E. Hoover. When advised that such was the case, Mr. Heintzman explosively remarked:

"Well he's a 'pip'. I was present when he testified before the House Committee at Washington, D. C. about a year ago, in which the question of tapping of telephone wires was discussed. His testimony was just what we telephone men wanted to hear. It was well stated in no uncertain language. He told the Committee in the presence of deeply interested witnesses that he would not tolerate wire tapping by any member of the Bureau of Investigation. During the course of his testimony, Mr. Hoover made it a point to remark that he considered that his Agents were honorable men, but that if any one of them should violate the rules of the Bureau or any specific instructions of an official character, immediate and appropriate disciplinary action would be taken. While testifying before the Committee, Mr. Hoover shook his finger to emphasize his remarks. His attitude and the tone of his voice plainly indicated that he meant every word he said. I believed his testimony and have confidence that he will do what he said. During the course of Mr. Hoover's testimony, the Federal Probation Director, Mr. Amos Woodcock, was present among other distinguished gentlemen, who had been called as witnesses. I have confidence that Mr. Hoover meant what he said. Personally



I regard members of your Bureau to be trustworthy. I am glad at all times to cooperate with your men. You are free to come into my office on such matters, as this, at any time. We are not unalterably opposed to tapping wires when the necessity is known and in emergency matters of great importance to the public welfare. However, we want to know the facts in each case, and when the Heads of the Departments of the United States Government submit them properly, they will find us ready and willing to cooperate. We mean to help Uncle Sam, but we will not tolerate indiscriminate tapping of wires in unimportant cases or for unworthy purposes."

Mr. Reintaman was extremely gracious and friendly throughout the conversation. He did not ask this agent to treat his remarks as confidential matter, but I believe that they should be under the circumstances.

I asked him several questions out of real interest and he seemed pleased to answer each one of them. He searched his files in order to secure a printed pamphlet relating to the testimony as made before the House Committee on wire tapping to refresh his memory with reference to the testimony as given by Mr. J. E. Hoover. He was unsuccessful in finding the desired printed matter.

However, the effort as made by him unquestionably proves that he was real interested in the subject matter that he introduced of his own volition.

Very truly yours,

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**F. E. MURLEY,**  
Special Agent

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March 14, 1932.

Hon. Frederick J. Maska,  
Maska Information Service,  
21st and C Streets,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Mrs. Maska.

In pursuance of the verbal request of Mrs.  
Maska of your office, I am enclosing herewith for your  
information a biographical sketch of Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Director.

Encl. #719283.

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**JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.**

John Edgar Hoover was born January 1, 1895, in the District of Columbia and was educated in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, graduating from Central High School in 1913. During the same year, 1913, Mr. Hoover entered the Library of Congress as a Clerk, and enrolled in George Washington University Law School as a night student. He received the degrees of LL. B. and L. L. M. from George Washington University and has been admitted to practice law before the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Claims.

Mr. Hoover entered the Department of Justice in 1917 as a Clerk in the Files Division and in 1919 was appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General to be in charge of the preparation of cases for deportation against alien anarchists and communists. He personally handled the cases prepared against Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, as well as the deportation proceedings against Isidore G. A. K. Marbas, the so-called Bolshevik Ambassador from Soviet Russia to the United States. From 1922 until 1924, Mr. Hoover served as Assistant Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and in May, 1924, he was named as Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation, which position he holds at the present time.

Mr. Hoover holds the commission of Major in the Military Intelligence Division of the Officers Reserve Corps, United States Army. He is a member of the University Club, Washington, D. C.; the Columbia Country Club, Washington, D. C.; Masonic Fraternity; Kappa Alpha Fraternity and is a Life Member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police; is also an honorary member, International Association for Identification.

The United States Bureau of Investigation is charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States and collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. The Bureau has an annual appropriation of approximately three million dollars, with a personnel of approximately eight hundred. Under the direction of the Attorney General, the Director of the United States Bureau of Investigation directs the work of the Special Agents who are employed for the purpose of detecting crime and collecting evidence for use in proposed and pending cases for prosecution. The Bureau does not have investigative jurisdiction over certain classes of Federal cases such as violations of the National Prohibition Act, Narcotics, Smuggling, Counterfeiting and Immigration laws. Mr. Hoover has under his immediate supervision the Identification Division of the United States Bureau of Investigation, which has on file approximately three million fingerprint records of persons who have been arrested for alleged felonies in the United States and foreign countries, representing the largest and most complete collection of criminal fingerprint records of current value existing anywhere in the world. In addition, he has under his immediate supervision the crime statistics work which was established on September 1, 1930, involving the collection of statistics on crime from the various law-enforcement officials of the United States for dissemination to interested officials and agencies.

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February 3, 1932.

Mr. George Black,  
Secretary, International  
Association of Chiefs of Police,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Chief:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police extending the thanks and appreciation of said association for the cooperation which it has been my privilege to afford the members and officials thereof.

I want you to know that I have perused this resolution with the keenest pleasure. I realize that an expression of this kind from the International Association is a great honor and I shall endeavor in the future, as I have in the past, to merit the friendly consideration and approval of you and your associates. The International Association of Chiefs of Police, composing as it does in its membership the brains of the law enforcement staff of the entire country, is an organization whose approval may well be sought and gratefully received.

With best wishes and hoping that our relations in the future may be as mutually friendly and helpful as in the past, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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GEORGE BLACK, Secretary  
Washington, Del.

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January 20, 1932

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, I. O.

Dear Sir:-

Attached is a copy of Resolution  
passed by the Executive Committee of this  
Association, in which we so desire to show  
our sincere thanks and appreciation for the  
most efficient services you have rendered  
us in the enthusiastic co-operation with  
our members and officials.

Very Truly Yours,

*George Black*  
Secretary.

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January 21, 1932.

George Black, Secretary,  
The International Association of  
Chiefs of Police,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mr. Black:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the twentieth with copy of Resolution respecting the work of the Bureau of Investigation and its Chief.

I am sure the cordial relations between the Bureau and the International Association of Chiefs of Police is in the public interest and will continue.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General.

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER

Whereas, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice has aided and assisted the Police Officers of the United States through the co-operation rendered by the special agents of the Bureau of Investigation stationed throughout the United States, as well as the prompt and efficient service rendered by the Division of Identification and Information and  
Whereas, He has personally assisted the officers of this Association by his counsel and advice,  
Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Association spread on the minute of this meeting the sincere thanks of the International Association Chiefs of Police and, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable W.L. Mitchell, Attorney General of the United States and to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Approved October 12, 1931.

W.P. RUTLEDGE, Chairman

J.M. BROUGHTON

JOHN A. CURRY





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May 20, 1931.

Mr. J. F. Trazzare,  
Special Agent,  
Southern Railway System,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Trazzare:

I am pleased to attach, in compliance with your recent request of Mr. Schilder, biographical data pertaining to Mr. Schilder and me for use in connection with our attendance at the Chicago Convention of the American Railway Association, Protective Branch.

When you write your Secretary regarding this matter, I would appreciate your making inquiry relative to the time when we will be placed on your program.

With expressions of my personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER.

Born - January 1, 1895.

Education - Public Schools, District of Columbia.

Graduated Central High School, Washington, D. C.

Received degrees of LL.B. and LL.M. at George Washington University.

Admitted to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the United States Supreme Court and the Court of Claims.

Appointed Special Assistant to the Attorney General in 1919.

Handled the deportation proceedings for the government against the Communist Party of America, Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, L.C.A.K. Martens, the so-called "Bolshevik" Ambassador and other alien agitators.

Assigned to the Bureau of Investigation in 1921 as Special Assistant to the Attorney General to handle legal matters incident to the work of that Bureau.

Served as Acting Director of the Bureau of Investigation from May to December, 1924.

Appointed Director of the Bureau of Investigation in December, 1924.

Holds the Commission of Major in the Military Intelligence Division of the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army.

Member of University Club, Washington, D.C.; Columbia Country Club, Washington, D.C., Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Masonic Fraternity

Life Member of International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Honorary Member - International Association for  
Identification.